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## Arrivals of Wild Animals in Great Britain.

Commencing January, 1920.

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It is rather early to give any list of Arrivals for 1920. Particulars of interesting arrivals will be generally found in "The Trade" article, also in the Price List which accompanies this issue.

To arrive on "Llanstephen Castle" about the 20th February:—Hyaena Hunting Dog, Rock Rabbits, Jumping Hares, Polecats, Porcupines, 6 Blue Duikers, Secretary Cranes, Stanley Cranes, Kolb's Vulture, Hornbills, 500 mixed birds.

### DROMEDARIES.

Representative in North Africa collecting same. Arrivals end of March.

### SEA LIONS.

Eight contracted for. Practically sold to arrive.

Two White-tailed Gnus and five large Chacma Baboons to arrive March.

### HIPPOPOTAMUS.

Twelve months old, in sound condition. On its arrival here, some time in April, it will be deposited at the Zoological Gardens, Regents Park.

### CALCUTTA STOCK (end of April).

2 Adult Tigers, 100 Monkeys, 1 Snow Leopard, 1 Cassowary, 300 Parrots, with some Flying Foxes, Mongeese and Python Snakes.

### AUSTRALIAN STOCK.

Rose Cockatoos, Penants, Rosellas, Kagus, Parrot Finches, Plumhead, Cherry and Double-banded Finches, great quantity of Australian Finches arriving.

Ceylonese Dwarf Donkey, Huanacs, Seals, Lioness, Shetland Ponies, Patagonian Hares, Russian Bear, Stanley Cranes, Emus, Suricates, Rhesus Monkeys: all on view here.

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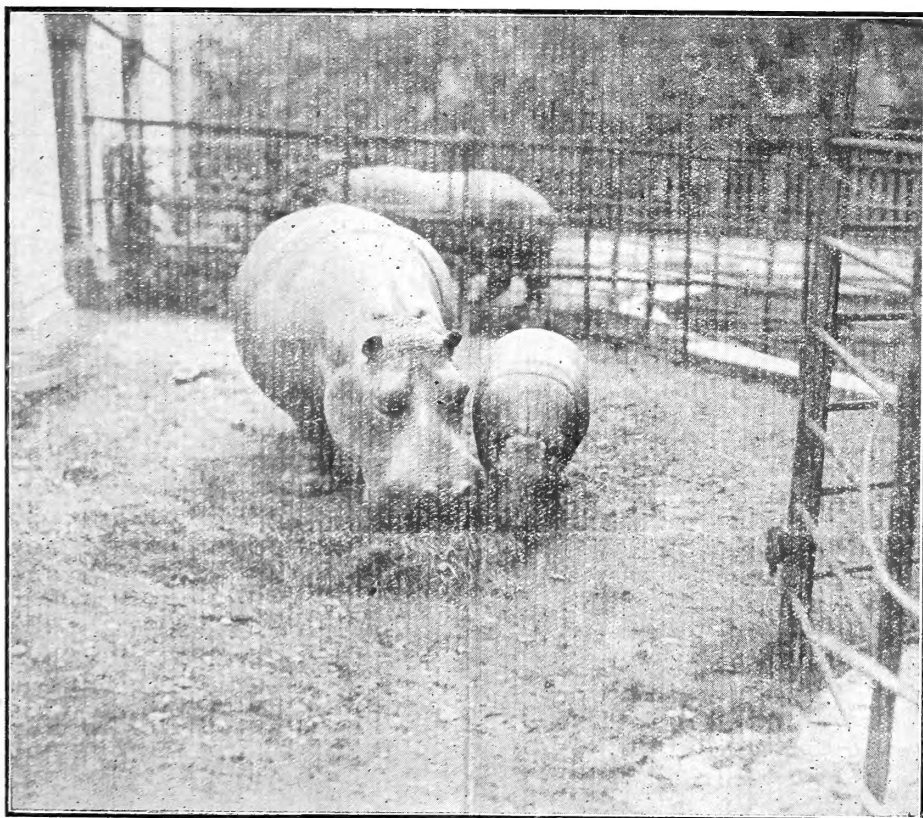
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The Editor will be pleased to receive sporting articles and reminiscences, as well as items of news and reports of sport from all parts of the world. If stamped directed envelope be enclosed, the contributions will be returned if unsuitable.



The above photograph shows the twelve month old Hippopotamus with his mother which I am now offering for sale. I do not consider it advisable for the youngster to undertake the sea voyage until April, when it will be deposited in the Zoological Gardens, Regents Park, for sale. Price on application.



## The Trade.

By JOHN D. HAMLYN.

The most notable feature of the Trade during the past five weeks has been the demand for small animals by the Circus and Menageries now going out on the road.

Several Circuses have already moved out, in fact there is a general race to be the first away and showing.

A week or so ago I was in a quiet Surrey town when I noticed several menagerie wagons on their way. Curiosity prompted me to read the owner's name on the wagons as they passed along. I thought I recognised the wagons, but no, it could not be for they belonged to "Ringlands Circus."

I now find this to be the Drake-Swallow-and-Taylor Combination. It is evident they are working under "Ringland," being an old-time American Circus and Menagerie of great fame. I wonder what the Ringling Brothers of America think of their foster show here. There will be more than one general bust-up during this coming season.

Just as I am going to press, I receive the interesting information from North Africa that my representative has purchased twelve Dromedaries. I have no desire to bring these over until the beginning of April.

From Southern Rhodesia I have received particulars of a collection of animals which were sold to the Agent of the Bronx Park Zoological Gardens. The prices are remarkable. It is quite evident no dealer could enter into the Rhodesian Market if these prices rule, and furthermore any man paying such prices would be a consummate fool of a mean order. African Elephants, £350; Giraffes, £300; Elands, Koodoos, Sables, Gemsbuck, Hartebeest, £55 to £60 each. The Elephants and Giraffes would cost quite another £100, and the Antelopes quite £50, delivered London. I now learn that two Giraffes are dead. The Bronx Park are paying bitterly for their interference in the wild animal trade.

During the past forty years my experience has been that these Zoological Societies ruin every branch of the animal trade that they interfere with.

In former years Giraffes and Elephants were £100 each, and would have remained so to this day only for scientific interference. The Giraffe and Elephant Market was Kassala, Sudan. Directly the Sudan Game fell under scientific control, a prohibited export duty was placed on the

larger game. But even then if a dealer was enterprising enough to make a collection in the Lower and Upper Sudan, it was only subject to the animals not being required by the Zoological Gardens at Giza. This shows the desperate straits Scientific Societies go to crush the Wild Animal Dealer. They have themselves to thank for the extraordinary prices ruling to-day. They forget that but for the enterprise of the Jamrach's, Charles and William, Charles Rice, Carl Hagenbecks, Louis Rude and Charlie Reiche, Zoological Gardens would have been in sore straits for the rarer animals. Read the proceedings of any Society and you will find the larger animals were all supplied at the outset by the above-mentioned dealers. And now our reward is attempted prohibition.

The Rhodesia Hunter has asked me to state that he is leaving in May on one of his hunting expeditions. He writes:—

"I am also open to take people out on my expedition and give them a real good trip. My fees are £150 per month, per man; I supply transport and horses. If you can do anything for me in this line I shall be very grateful to you. I am enclosing you a few snaps taken in my last trip; show these to some keen sportsmen."

Here is an opportunity for would-be hunters.

Advices from my collector in South Africa state that I may expect a collection of Puff Adders, Tree Snakes, Mole Snakes, and what he calls Sheepstickers (Schapstickers), also two White-tailed Gnus, some very large Baboons and Waxbills.

The young Hippopotamus depicted above is the first Hippo to pass through my hands. It can be delivered in April or May.

Last week I was offered a pigmy Hippopotamus from Liberia. I made what I considered a good offer for the animal on the spot, taking the precaution of arranging for insurance home-ward. Once more the curse of a dealer's life—the Scientific Society—steps in. A thousand pounds was asked, price offered in New York.

The Cuban consignment is due here about the end of March. There will be no more Cuban expeditions so far as I am concerned. Full particulars of birds to arrive will be found in Price List accompanying this Magazine.

The Seals and Sea Lions are due at the end of March. The severe weather in New York is answerable for the delay of the Sea Lions.

The arrival of a new pair of South African Finches is worth recording. Hartlaubs Red-faced Finches (*Pytelia nitidula*) they are somewhat

like the Spotted-side Finch from East Africa. These two birds were hatched from two eggs found on the veldt, they arrived in exquisite condition, and are worth the attention of all amateurs. The price asked is reasonable considering they are the first pair seen here. There are also Yellow-billed Hornbills, and White-browed Weaver Birds, Wattled Starling, Dufresnes and Rufous-backed Mannakins.

There will be monthly arrivals of animals, birds and reptiles from South Africa for some time to come.

It is impossible to deal with India at the present moment. The Rupee is 2/4—2/6. I can only deal on the basis of 1/4. This explains delay in all Indian consignments.

The importation of Continental birds are increasing. The Hartz Mountain Canaries are arriving by hundreds, although the season is now drawing to a close. These birds have wonderful singing powers. The arrival here of a Hartz Mountain Canary trained to pipe a tune deserves recording. It is on view here and is a great rarity.

Piping Bullfinches have arrived in fair numbers. These birds command a ready sale.

Should any of my readers require a Price List it shall be sent them. It contains a fund of useful information.

Just as this report closes I receive from a reliable man in the Amusement World a firm order for six Dromedaries.

## What was it?

By WALTER WINANS.

Thirty-five years ago, when I was deer stalking in Glen Strath, Ross-shire, one evening I sent some men through a clump of fir trees near the Black Hill.

A most curious animal came out, it had long thin legs, much higher in the withers than at the rump, no neck, but a head sunk between its shoulders, long donkey ears; it trotted out slowly and stood facing me at some 60 yards off, the setting sun being behind it and in my eyes.

I said to Donald Frazer, the stalker who was with me, "What is it?" He said he did not know. I said, "Shall I shoot?" He hesitated. I said, "Is it the Devil?" He seemed afraid; I fired, not being able to see my sights on account of the sun in my eyes, and the animal turned slowly and went very slowly into the clump.

I thought it must be hit; we did not see it come out of the clump, which we would surely have done if it had come out, as the hill was all heather burnt short.

We never found anything.

A few years ago I was telling this to a man who has shot deer over the greater part of Scotland and he said at once, "You must have seen 'The Beast'."

He explained that for some years such an animal had been seen in various forests on the West Coast of Scotland, but I was the first who had had a shot at it.

He said it had been often seen feeding in the middle of a herd of deer, and that people heard it uttering a very dismal loud cry.

It was seen for several years and then disappeared just about the time I had the shot at it.



## Some Hints on Italian Fauna.

By GEORGE DE SOUTHOFF, C.M.Z.S.

Italian Fauna includes a good many species which are interesting for the amateur menagerist. Even if one excludes the small animals and those which are common to the other countries of West Europe, many people do not know how numerous are the Italian animals.

In the Alps are found the Bouguetin, the Bear and, very scarcely indeed, the Lynx. The Bear is sometimes also found in the Apennines (Abruzzi). The Wolf is spread over nearly all the mountainous places of the Peninsula, Foxes and Badgers are plentiful everywhere. Porcupines are abundant in Maremma and Campagna Romana where it is said they were imported from Africa in ancient times. Sardinia possesses the Mouflou, which has been imported and is to be found in wild state in some places of Central Italy. Wild Boars are numerous both in Italy and Sardinia. Our Fallow Deer and Roe Deer are common in many regions. Last, Jackal is found in the Island of Cuzzola (Dalmatia) which is sometimes included into the Italian Zoological Map. Vultures are plentiful, and in Sardinia the Bearded Vulture is not extinct but fairly common to meet with.

Among other menagerie and aviary birds one must mention the Eleonora, Feldegg and Saker Falcons, the Scops Owl, the Blue and Rock Thrushes.

Interesting Italian Reptiles are the Black and Yellow Zamenis gemoncutis, the Four-rayed and Leopard Snakes, all magnificent. Land and water common Tortoises are very numerous. Goldfishes are bred in semi-liberty in many places.



## **The Horsham Zoological Trading Company.**

WILLIAM BOTTERILL, OF EAST STREET,  
WALWORTH.

Botterill first came into notice through his extraordinary advertisements in "Cage Birds." I warned Mr. Carl several times against allowing such swindling advertisements to appear in his paper. It was apparent to any sensible man, and Mr. Carl is supposed to have a certain amount of common sense, that such an advertisement was a lying swindle, yet it appeared on several occasions. Once "Cage Birds" informed me on the telephone that Botterill had produced letters proving that the animals were arriving. Just fancy, gentle reader, 50 Axis Deer in one consignment! Yet "Cage Birds" believed it. Doubtless he will shortly be advertising again.

## **HORSHAM PETTY SESSIONS.**

### **"The Fool and the Villain."**

William Botterill, alias Williams and Owen) and Alfred Webster Harris, of 45, East Street, Horsham, were summoned for stealing three mole traps, value 4s. 6d., the property of Frank Lionel Swabey, of Bourne Hill Farm, on the 1st February.

Prosecutor said that on the 30th January he set 22 mole traps on Kerves Farm opposit his. They were all there at four o'clock on the 31st. On February 1st, about 11.30, he saw two men in the meadow. There was no footpath there. When they saw witness they walked towards the gate. He found three traps were missing and went after the prisoners. Botterill said they were looking for birds. They denied any knowledge of mole traps. He showed the places where the traps were missing, and Botterill said, "He knows where they came from, we had better put them down for him." Harris then produced the traps from under his coat. They demurred about giving names and addresses, but eventually wrote them down.

P.S. T. W. Bubb said that at about 1.15 p.m. on February 1st he interviewed the prisoners at 45, East Street when Botterill admitted the offence. That morning (as the two men did not appear on Saturday in answer to a summons for lacy) he arrested them on a warrant. Botterill replied, 'I thought as we had written a statement on oath that would have done. Harris made no reply.

Prisoners pleaded guilty. Botterill, a painter by trade, but at present out of occupation, gave evidence that the whole affair was a practical joke. They were walking over the fields and saw Mr. Swabey approaching them on another field. He said to his friend, Harris, 'I'll bet you haven't nerve enough to pick up the traps and take them to another field.' Harris picked up the traps, and they were walking down the road to another field when Mr. Swabey came through a gateway and accused them of stealing his mole traps.

In reply to Supt. Wakeford Botterill said he went by the name of Williams and Owen and traded as "The Live Stock Importing Company." When he took the house in East Street he described himself as a wholesale jeweller.

Supt. Wakeford told the Bench that prisoners were discharged soldiers; one had been in the Grenadier Guards and the other (a labourer) in the Marines. Botterill was a married man, and deserted his wife (who was in Court) quite recently. He appeared before the Lambeth Police Court for that offence, and was also charged with assaulting his wife. He came to Horsham last September, and started trading as a live stock importing company, advertising extensively in the name of Owen. He (the Superintendent) had had numerous complaints and correspondence from all over the country. Defendants described certain animals as worth ten thousand pounds and asked for a third deposit. They had practically only what they stood up in. There was correspondence about one or two cross-bred goats which were advertised as pedigree goats. Of course it was all a deception. He called the particular attentions of the Bench to the matter because immediately these men left the town there would be numerous inquiries and warrants coming along. There was another woman (not the wife) living at 45, East Street.

The Bench said that with such a character there was no doubt the plea of guilty was the correct one, and they could not believe the "cock and bull" story told. Sentence of a month's hard labour was passed on each, but the Chairman said he was sorry for Harris, because he appeared to be the fool, not the villain of the piece. They hoped he would not be led astray by the other man.

## Steinhart Aquarium, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

By FREDERICK W. D'EVELYN.

Work on the new Aquarium will commence early this year. A quarter of a million dollars will be expended on the Aquarium and its equipment. Dr. Barton W. Everman, Director of the Academy of Sciences, of which the Aquarium will be a unit, is now in the East, accompanied by Engineer Ronnenberg, investigating aquaria, and securing latest data concerning tank construction, aeration, filtration, and allied problems essential to successful installation and maintenance of the tanks and pools.

The Aquarium will be centrally located, in the famous Golden Gate Park, and purposes to have accommodation for the most unique and comprehensive collection of exhibits ever before assembled. Special pools for tropical fish, with arrangements for temperature, cover and cultivation, will be given prominence in the construction of the Aquarium. Large basins fed directly from the ocean, 3 miles distant, are being prepared for fur seals, sea lions and allied species which already have their habitat on Pacific shores but constitute a class of specimens around which ever centres legends of romance and weirdness. Further, in proximity to the renowned seal rocks, the barking of whose occupants will be within ear-shot of the traveller and visitors as they patronise the Aquarium, constitute a localised association which is perennial in its interest and novelty.

Many of the patrons of the G.G. Park somewhat regret that the Aquarium was not established on the beach where the waves of the Pacific actually break upon the part shore line, claiming that the natural surroundings, the vista of ocean and distance and sky, constitute a special setting which is as superb as it is uncommon. There is much in this appeal. However thus situated, the Aquarium would have been detached from the Academy Museum, would have been less easy of access, and possibly too much exposed to wind and storms, which even the blue Pacific is no amateur in staging when the spirit moves it. Time will certainly confirm that the sheltered arena of the mid-park will have proven more conducive alike to the welfare of the inhabitants and the comfort of the visitors.

Laboratories and research departments will be added to as it is purposed to make the Aquarium not merely one of the sights of the Pacific slope, but also a headquarters for scientific investigation directly associated with oceanic flora and fauna so easily here obtainable.

King Albert of Belgium has testified his acceptance to Honorary Membership of Life Associate, stating that "it is with greatest pleasure that he registers his name with this most excellent undertaking, linked as it will be with memories of your country which he will ever enjoy and cherish."

Photos and other data will be forthcoming at an early date.

## Performing Animals.

Mr. Walter Winans writes as follows from the Carlton Hotel, Pall Mall, S.W.1., February 15th, 1920:—

Dear Sir,—I think it right to warn animal dealers and circus proprietors that a Society has been formed whose object is to try and pass an Act of Parliament to make performing animals illegal.

I heard such a meeting was to take place at Caxton Hall a few weeks ago.

I wrote to the Secretary pointing out that if performing horses was made illegal then the training of cavalry horses would also be illegal, because what the audience call performing or "dancing" at a circus, is merely what every well broken cavalry horse is taught.

I also said I would a thousand times rather sell an old favourite horse to a circus than for it to be worked in the streets, overloaded, slipping and falling on the tarred concrete roads, and asked him to read my letter at the meeting.

I went to the meeting and after a lot of the usual talk about matters none of the speakers had the faintest knowledge of, the meeting was about to close (after passing a resolution that the audience should get all Members of Parliament to promise to stop all performing animal turns) when I got up and asked to be allowed to say a few words.

As the Secretary had not read my letter, I asked him to do so to the meeting; I repeated to the audience what I have written above.

I added that it was absolutely useless to try and have the training of horses stopped by law, as that would stop the training of cavalry horses also, and no horse would be of any use.

I asked the audience if they would drive in a carriage without the horse being previously "trained" or if they could ride on its back.

I asked, "Why should horses not be trained?"



A lady in the Committee got up and said, "Because horses are taught to step high by putting them on hot plates." Another said that "Performing dogs are hung by their hind legs and left so." Another said that "dogs barked when let out to perform which proved that they were in agony," and the Chairman clinched the matter by saying that "If cavalry Colonels opposed the passing of an Act for horse training to be made illegal, so much the worse for the Colonels, we will go on."

Of course, there was no use arguing with such people, but I think it best to warn circus proprietors to be on their guard; there may be a raid on their animals to prove (?) cruel methods of training and to have their animals taken from them.

WALTER WINANS.

The following appeared in "The World's Fair":—

Sir,—The need for some organisation for animal trainers to counteract the workings of people who would stop all animal performances is urgently required at once.

Mr. Walter Winans' letter on the subject is a serious warning to every British subject that performs animals and keeps horses, etc., whether music-hall artiste, circus artiste, or animal trainer, and all people with horses, dogs, and other animals that have to earn a living by same should combine and start a federation to help to combat this surely serious menace.

There are such gentlemen as Mr. E. H. Bostock (Glasgow), Mr. Hengler (Hengler's Circus, Glasgow), Messrs. John Sanger and Sons (Circus, Horley), David Taylor (Circus, Worcester), John Swallow (Circus, Wolverhampton), Robert Fossett and Sons (Tiffeld Lodge, Towcester, Surrey), Claude Ginnett (Circus, Chobham), Frank Bostock (Circus, Chertsey), and Fred Ginnett (London), and quite a score of other small circuses and menageries throughout the British Isles, then the animal dealers are numerous, and animal performers with acts on the variety stage, circus and summer resorts, etc., would if formed into a federation be strong enough to enable them to stop the scandalous libels that appear from time to time in the newspapers upon the above subject. I enclose a paragraph from "John Bull," entitled "Candid Communications." This page devoted to open letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and occasionally Nonentities, is to Sir Oswald Stoll and reads as follows:—

Dear Sir Oswald,—I know you are a humane man and a lover of animals. Knowing this, I do wish you would take the lead in putting an end to animal performances, which too often not only discredit the music-hall stage, but also encourage the infliction of cruelty by callous men and women, aliens perhaps in the main, on all kinds of animals. During many years I have frequently drawn public attention to this matter, for the evidence available leaves no doubt whatever in my mind that these performances, however clever they may appear, are made possible only by a preliminary course of cruelty in training. Appearances in these shocking shows go for nothing. The "cleverness" in the performance is the concealment of the cruelty; the applause of an audience when it is accorded is at best the reward of the concealment. There are few of these shows which should not be hissed off the stage, and I am shocked and ashamed that the known humanity of the British public as a whole has tolerated them so long.—JOHN BULL.

Now animal performers, circus people, animal dealers, and all persons that have to keep horses and animals get to work and let us stop this kind of thing, or these meddlesome creatures will close us up and ruin our business.

Yours, etc.,

FRANK STEPHENSON.

Sandringham Hotel,

Pelham Place, Hastings.



## Belfast Naturalists' Field Club.

### "HUNTING THE BIRD OF PARADISE."

Before a crowded audience Mr. C. B. Horsbrugh delivered a lecture entitled "Hunting for the Living Bird of Paradise in British New Guinea" in the Museum, College Square North.

Mr. Horsbrugh, in a very racy style and with the aid of a unique series of lantern slides, gave a description of his travels in this almost unknown island. He was commissioned by the London Zoological Society and Sir William Ingram, Bt., to make the expedition, and so successful were his efforts that he was able to deliver to the London Zoo a collection of living birds of paradise, some varieties of which had never before reached Europe alive. The country through which the lecturer travelled was lucidly described, as also were the habits and customs of the natives. Mr.



Horsbrugh took with him from England a quantity of bird food thought suitable for the paradise birds when in captivity, but experience showed this to be useless, and after many experiments he at length devised a mixture comprising various dried fruits which, when combined with a proportion of the flesh of dead relatives, suited the captives admirably. The lecturer has travelled through the wilds of many tropical countries, and it was due to his long experience with natives and jungles that his expedition to New Guinea in 1908 proved so successful. The capture of the birds was left entirely in the hands of the natives, it being practically impossible for a white man to penetrate the jungles. The journey home almost proved disastrous owing to the lack of suitable accommodation on the small boats plying between New Guinea and Australia. Eventually the consignment reached London in the personal charge of Mr. Horsbrugh, much to the delight of bird-lovers.

At the close the Chairman (Mr. A. M'I. Cleland) proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was passed with acclamation.

## General Notes.

By JOHN D. HAMLYN.

THAT the famous performing Ourang Outang has died in Rome of Spanish Influenza.

THAT I deeply regret the death of Lord Sherborne better known as the Hon. and Rev. Canon Dutton. This learned gentleman was a very old customer of mine. I also have to announce the death of Miss Alderson, the esteemed Secretary of the "Avicultural Magazine."

THAT Mr. C. Barnby Smith contemplates a trip to New Zealand.

THAT "The Books of a Naturalist," by W. H. Hudson, Hodder and Stoughton, London, 1919, price 12/- net, is well worth perusing.

THAT Miss Chawner enquires in "Avicultural Notes" as to the arrival of the Cuban consign-

ment, "What are the Blue Birds and the Red and Green Butterfly Birds?" I am afraid they are ordinary Indigoes and Nonpareils in colour. The fancy names were those sent me by my collector.

THAT it is quite a new departure in journalism and Magazine life for a dealer to be given gratis a list of his imaginative arrivals occupying nearly two pages. If the "Avicultural Magazine" afforded me the same privilege, I could fill the whole of their Magazine with genuine arrivals the last 3 months. It is of course, an acknowledged fact that I receive more straightforward consignments than the rest of the other dealers in Great Britain, I mean stock which has paid freight, and the usual importation charges. I am the only Dealer in Great Britain who has three collectors abroad. The Editor is welcome to continue giving Mr. Rogers a free advertisement.

THAT I have received a very interesting letter from the Game Conservator for Zululand. He writes complaining of the great slaughter of animals from one end to the other of Zululand outside his Game Reserves. He caught last year a young black rhinoceros for the Durban Zoo, and is now trying to secure a white rhinoceros from the Mfolozi Reserve for the same Gardens. I am promised descriptive articles from Zululand which I look forward to with pleasure.

THAT Dr. Peter Chalmers Mitchell's flight over Africa has met with misfortune. Some half way over the machine crashed to the earth, the learned Doctor and his companions having a close shave. I trust he will ultimately arrive at his destination safe and sound.

THAT the Crystal Palace will re-open on June 1st and continue until October with the Great War Exhibition with important sections devoted to industry and commerce. Applications for concessions in the Amusement Section are now invited for scenic railway, joy wheel, side shows, etc. All applications must be made to Mr. Henry James Buckland, General Manager, Crystal Palace, S.E. 19.

THAT a huge Gorilla was killed in the forest of Bambio, Central Africa. It stood over 9 feet high, and weighed about 600 lbs. An excellent

illustration of it appeared in the "Daily Mirror" of the 19th February.



THAT Mme. Patti's birds have been deposited at the Zoological Gardens. A slender billed cockatoo, a roseate cockatoo and a blue-fronted Amazon parrot. These are all in the Parrot House.



THAT Fred Felix, the old Clown, died last week at the remarkable age of 95 years at Blackpool. I remember Fred first at the Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, when Charles Rice had the Nubian Caravan on exhibition there.

That was a wonderful collection of animals: Giraffes, Zebras, Elephants, Gelada Baboons, with a host of other stock.

Fred Felix was then a clown in the Circus, and took charge of a young male Elephant. If my recollection serves me right, I was present at its christening in the Circus ring. It was named "Shereff," and was broken to work by Fred Felix.

That is many years ago, in the good old times. The elephant had a bad reputation towards the close of its life. I could a tale unfold, but I will forbear!



THAT wonders will never cease. The latest additions to the Zoological Trading World are Messrs. Ruben Castang and Charlie Judge. These two enterprising young men left on the s.s. "Gambia" for Old Calabar. Their destination afterwards is rather uncertain. They would not confide in me as to their ultimate destination, or the object in view. They seem to be under the impression that Okapis, Gorillas, Chimpanzees and Elephants were all found in one region. Charlie seemed to desire a visit to Sette Cama. Well, if he ever reaches so far, which I very much doubt, and lands safely, the trouble will then be to return safely. They will indeed be very glad to return to their native country to enjoy the sweet seductive pleasures of the West End. They are starting in business entirely on their own account and they have my very best wishes.



THAT Monsieur Pierre Amedee Pichot sends me the Menu of the Dejeuner amical, du jeudi, 26 fevrier, 1920.

### Buffet De La Gare de Lyon.

Societe Nationale D'Acclimatation de France.

The Entree is "Curry de Maras," concerning which Monsieur Pichot writes as follows:—"As I see that you have some Patagonian Hares, or more exactly cavies, on your list, it may interest you to know that these splendid rodents have figured for the first time in a large official banquet of the members of the Acclimatization Society which took place on the 26th February. The broiled Patagonian Hares met with the general approbation of the numerous guests—about ninety—and have been pronounced first class eating. You do not suppose, however, that the Society was foolish enough to purchase solely for the table such expensive animals, they were given most kindly for the only trouble of fetching them by one of our colleagues, Prince Louis Napoleon, who has bred extensively this South American rodent on his property in Switzerland, and who possesses a large flock of these interesting animals."



THAT "John Daniel," the famous Gorilla, is still going strong. He takes daily excursions to the Zoo. Report says that he is visiting America shortly with a view to private receptions. This, to my mind, would be most unwise, for the duty alone on such an animal would be quite £250 or £300, a prohibitive figure on such a young animal. If the Americans now want "John Daniel" let them come over and fetch him, otherwise he should remain here. Originally, when I offered him to New York, the learned Director sarcastically wrote "that I only offered him to New York because he could not be sold here." If I had any say in the matter now, that learned man should not have "John Daniel" at any price.



THAT the Secretary of the World's Zoological Trading Company in a personal interview last week gave me to understand the affairs of this Company were shortly to be wound up.

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